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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—Fair and warmer.

THAT \$125,000 MUST STAND.

For the good name of Oregon in the world of letters, and to preserve the interest of her own people in her chief educational institution, that appropriation of \$125,000 for the University of Oregon must stand; the people themselves must rally to the safety and perpetuation of one of the finest schools on the Pacific slope, and they alone must avert the discredit that will surely attach to the state if she shall turn this thing down.

A State cannot afford to cheapen its own institutions.

Nor can it afford to use the law of the referendum for the accentuating of its stupidity and parsimony. That law was framed and put in operation to save the people from public theft and public disorders of pronounced evil import; not to be used as a means for discounting the intelligence and pride of the people. Ten-fold that amount, for such a purpose, should not be met with a negative vote in the State of Oregon.

The money is honestly needed and will be as honestly spent; and transcends in importance and urgency, anything now before the Oregon electorate, just as it transcends hundreds of other appropriations that in the past have been made for shameless and undenied grafts. If the good name of Oregon as a champion of higher education and all its concomitant public values, is to be bargained off for the pitiful sum of \$125,000, then we are, indeed, at a crisis.

But it will not be brought to such a conclusion. The people are proud of the University, proud of the State, proud of their ability to maintain both on modern levels, and the appropriation will be granted generously, in June, with more to come later. But this conviction must not lead anyone to the neglect of voting "Aye" when the time comes.

ASTORIA'S OPPORTUNITY.

Every city should lend itself heartily to every scheme of merit that calls for the participation, and healthful advantage of its younger people. Every element of employment and interest that can be set up for them should receive prompt and cordial support, such as athletic clubs, and training establishments such as military companies; whatever shall give engaging and compensating pursuit for developing muscles and eager spirit.

The founding here of a first-class athletic association and the organization of the National Guard in this city afford a splendid opportunity for the expression of general interest and practical concern on the part of every man who wishes to see a strong, hearty, capable succession in the despatch of the world's affairs as they touch at Astoria.

There are far too many weaklings in existence today, mental and physical; the records of the nation are far too full of lapses and failures and incompetents; we need all the saving methods that can be devised and maintained to obviate the retrogression; to build anew the energies and capacities that make for constant and genuine success.

Encouragement and dollars should be ready on all sides for both these enterprises until both are firmly on their feet, and the program of heartening and support should be carried right along for their perpetuation at all times.

DON'T FORGET IT.

In the flush and flash of politics Astoria must not forget the prime interest of her fisheries and the bill to save them. The enemies of honest fishing are busy these days, trusting to the absorbing interest of local politics to divert the attention of the people from the program of despoilment and commercial larceny; and we must be alive to the crisis they are forcing. Every Astorian is logically pledged to wage the war against the life of the leading industry of the lower Columbia and his friends over the State should be apprised of the danger as well and urged to save to Oregon one of its essential commercial attributes.

The success or defeat of person or party is secondary to this commanding issue, and it must not be permitted to languish for an instant. We get along admirably without the especial political candidate, as such, with far better grace than we can hand over the biggest and widest advantage we possess to a set of pirates who will drive it out of existence to grasp the passing dollar of the hour.

Do your duty, now, and unremittingly, for this great interest, and don't let go till the polls close on the evening of June 1st.

EDITORIAL SALAD

President Roosevelt's plan to intimidate President Castro by mobilizing a military and naval force in Venezuelan waters is too elaborate. A postal card will do the business just as well.

Congress at this session is likely to appropriate several millions to fortify Hawaii. The value of those islands as a strategic point in the Pacific will be increasingly appreciated as the years go by.

President Roosevelt's latest declaration in favor of arbitration and more warships has an inharmonious sound, but harmony must not be thought of when a country is striving to be a world power.

How to Avoid Appendicitis.

Most victims of appendicitis are those who are habitually constipated. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup cures chronic constipation by stimulating the liver and bowels and restores the natural action of the bowels. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup does not nauseate or gripe and is mild and pleasant to take. Refuse substitutes. T. F. Laurin Owl Drug Store.

Mr. S. L. Bowen, of Wayne, W. Va., writes: "I was a sufferer from kidney disease, so that at times I could not get out of bed, and when I did I could not stand straight I took Foley's Kidney Cure. One dollar bottle and part of the second cured me entirely." Foley's Kidney Cure works wonders where others are total failures. T. F. Laurin Owl Drug Store.

AUTO CONTESTS.

CHICAGO, April 24.—Cars that take part in the 1200-mile, 300 miles a day, reliability contest of the Chicago Motor Club, June 24, 25, 26 and 27, have their work cut out for them, according to the announcement made yesterday by Charles P. Root, chairman of the contest committee who has mapped out four tentative routes which figure, 1184 miles or an average of 296 miles a day, the country covered by the four routes taking in all the prominent towns within 150 miles of Chicago and no one route taking in any of the roads of the others. The four tentative routes show 292 miles one day, 322 another, 279 a third, and 291 on the fourth day.

A TWENTY YEAR SENTENCE.

"I have just completed a twenty years health sentence, imposed by Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which cured me of bleeding piles just twenty years ago," writes O. S. Woolever, of LeRaysville, N. Y. Bucklen's Arnica Salve heals the worst sores, boils, burns, wounds and cuts in the shortest time. 25c. at Charles Rogers & Son drug store.

STRAWBERRIES PLENTIFUL.

NEW YORK, April 24.—A glut in the strawberry market within a few weeks time is the prediction of dealers in fruit here who say that New Yorkers will in all probability be able to eat all the good strawberries they want at 6 cents a quart or perhaps five. Reports from growers of the berries in Virginia, Delaware and New Jersey are that the on-coming crop of berries is better than for many seasons and that a larger acreage has been devoted to the fruit.

ICE FARMS OF BENGAL

How They Get Natural Ice Without Frost In India.

A SYSTEM IN USE FOR AGES.

Shallow Porous Earthen Dishes In Which Water, by the Process of Rapid Evaporation and Heat Insulation, Is Congealed During the Night.

In hot India, where every day in the year the resident gets all the heat he wants, there are four or five months of the year—November to March—when the nights, although never reaching even to frostiness, can be made to produce many tons of ice in the open.

The fields in which the ice is made are low, flat and open, and the ice is produced in large lots when the temperature of the air is 15 degrees or 20 degrees F. above the congealing point, writes L. Lodian in the Scientific American. The method practiced is an instructive example of keen observation adapted to material purposes by a nation which is today ignorant of the science of the thing—that is, they could not explain if questioned what actually causes the forming of the ice beyond a few vague phrases, like "the wind" and "keeping the earthy heat down." Yet this same ice forming process has been utilized in India since the ages that are "lost in the night of time," and all with a scientific observation and accuracy which the Hindoo has acquired by instinct handed down through countless generations.

The ice plot is a rectangular piece of ground, say, 130 feet long by 30 broad, running in an easterly and westerly direction. The soil is removed to a depth of a couple of feet. This excavation when made is smoothed and then allowed to remain exposed to the torrid rays of the sun to dry; then rice straw in small sheaves is laid in an oblique direction in the hollow, with loose straw on the top to the depth of a foot and a half, leaving its surface half a foot below that of the ground.

Numerous beds of this kind are formed—the ensemble constituting the ice farms—with narrow sidewalks between them, in which here and there large covered earthen water jars are sunk in the ground for the convenience of having water near by to fill the shallow earthen vessels in which it is to be frozen. These dishes are nine inches in diameter at the top, diminishing to five inches at the bottom, one and one-half inches deep and one-quarter inch thick, and are so porous as to soon become moist throughout when water is placed in them.

When evening comes the shallow earthenware pans are placed in rows upon the litter, and by means of little burned tilt pots secured to the ends of lengthy bamboo canes each pan is half filled with water. The quantity nevertheless varies according to the expectation of ice. The natives can forecast that by the aspect of the heavens and the evenness with which the air currents come from the northwest.

There are about 5,000 plates in each of the beds, and the ice yield will average a quarter pound from each dish. In the cool season when the temperature of the air at the ice fields is under 60 degrees F. and there are gentle breezes from the north and west directions ice appears in a night in all of the shallow pans. Native watchers are on the lookout to note when a thin film appears on the water in the pans, when the contents of several are mixed together and sprinkled over the other dishes. This method augments the freezing action.

Stagnation has been discovered by the natives to diminish the quantity of ice produced. When the firmament is entirely clear, with zephyr currents from the northwest, the congelation begins before or about midnight and continues to advance till morning, when the thickest ice is formed. It is often an inch thick, and sometimes the whole contents of the dish are frozen compact.

The ice dishes present a large moist external surface to the air currents, producing rapid evaporation and a lowering of the temperature. The water which percolates through the porous trays exposes so large a surface to the breeze that it is promptly frozen. In addition to the evaporative effect we also have the influence of heat insulation to fall back upon in explaining the phenomenon.

The thick layer of dry straw in the ice beds forms a large surface which is a poor conductor of heat. The heat can penetrate but a little way into it during the day. So soon as the sun sets this large and powerfully radiating surface is brought into action and affects the water in the thin, porous pans, themselves strong radiators. Some of the natural "ice farms" of Bengal produce in a single night over ten tons of ice, employing 300 persons of all sizes and ages, and the early morning harvesting of the ice by these little gentry darning about is one of the few animated scenes worth noting in the Ganges region.

Diablo—Its Origin.

M. Henry Maret in "Carnel d'un Sauvage" in Le Journal of Paris attributes the discovery of the game to Lieutenant Cameron, who when journeying from Zanzibar to Benguela was detained near Lake Tanganyika by a native chief. He relates: "Sometimes a slave of Djoumah would amuse us by his dexterity. With two sticks about a foot long connected by a string of a certain length he spun a piece of wood cut in the shape of an

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PROMINENT EDITOR DEAD.

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